

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF GENERATING CHARGED PARTICLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 3-5, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

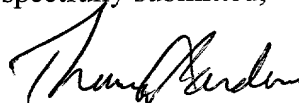
This application claims the benefit of, and incorporates by reference all the contents of U.S. Patent Application No. 60/275,471 filed on March 14, 2001 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-21641 filed on January 30, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii))

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

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